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Re: Preliminary Environmental Review
D. W. Enterprises, Roundup, MT

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Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to the Administrative Rules of Montana, 16.2.604, the following Preliminary Environmental Review has been prepared by the Department of Health and Environmental Sciences concerning Don C. Webb/dba/D. W. Enterprises, motor vehicle wrecking facility near Roundup, Montana.

The purpose of the Preliminary Environmental Review is to inform all interested governmental agencies, public groups or individuals of the proposed action and to determine whether or not the action may have a significant effect on the human environment. This Preliminary Environmental Review will be circulated for a period of fifteen (15) days at which time a decision will be made as to our future action.

If you care to comment on this proposed action, please do so within the allotted time.

Sincerely,

Duane Robertson
for JOHN C. GEACH
Solid and Hazardous Waste Bureau
Environmental Sciences Division

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PRELIMINARY ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

Division/Bureau Environmental Sciences Division/Solid & Hazardous Waste Bureau

Project or Application D. W. Enterprises

Description of Project Don C. Webb/dba/D. W. Enterprises has submitted a motor vehicle wrecking facility license application to this department. This proposed facility would be located in Section 23, Township 6N, Range 26E, Musselshell County (See attached map). The Preliminary Environmental Review is being prepared in conjunction with the review and processing of the license application.

POTENTIAL IMPACT ON PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT

	Major	Moderate	Minor	None	Unknown	Comments on Attached Pages
1. Terrestrial & aquatic life and habitats				X		
2. Water quality, quantity and distribution				X		X
3. Geology & soil quality, stability and moisture				X		
4. Vegetation cover, quantity and quality			X			X
5. Aesthetics			X			X
6. Air quality				X		
7. Unique, endangered, fragile, or limited environmental resources				X		
8. Demands on environmental resources of land, water, air & energy				X		
9. Historical and archaeological sites				X		

POTENTIAL IMPACTS ON HUMAN ENVIRONMENT

	Major	Moderate	Minor	None	Unknown	Comments on Attached Pages
1. Social structures and mores				X		
2. Cultural uniqueness and diversity				X		
3. Local and state tax base & tax revenue				X		
4. Agricultural or industrial production				X		
5. Human health				X		
6. Quantity and distribution of community and personal income				X		
7. Access to and quality of recreational and wilderness activities				X		
8. Quantity and distribution of employment				X		
9. Distribution and density of population and housing				X		
10. Demands for government services			X			X
11. Industrial & commercial activity				X		
12. Demands for energy				X		
13. Locally adopted environmental plans & goals				X		X
14. Transportation networks & traffic flows			X			X

Other groups or agencies contacted or which may have overlapping jurisdiction_____

Individuals or groups contributing to this PER._____

Recommendation concerning preparation of EIS Not Necessary

PER Prepared by: Duane L. Peterson for JOHN C. GEACH

Date: July 31, 1985

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PRELIMINARY ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW DRAFT
Don C. Webb/dba/D.W. Enterprises
7/25/85

POTENTIAL IMPACT ON PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT

#2) Water quality, quantity and distribution

The location of this proposed vehicle storage yard is in a natural draw. The head of this draw terminates approximately 1/8 mile west of the proposed site at the Old Divide Road. The area drained by this draw is minimal amounting to only a few acres. The bottom of this draw is well grassed and shows no evidence of surface run-off. Below the proposed yard the draw forms an oxbow and several lateral draws which form an enclosed drainage system that is not connected to any other drainages.

#4) Vegetation cover, quantity and quality

The process of moving vehicles within the yard and the storage of those vehicles will displace small native plant and shrub species currently in the site. This displacement will be minor and short term and should not significantly impact the areas ecosystem.

#5) Aesthetics

State law requires all junked vehicles to be screened from public view. Public view is defined as a point six feet above the center line of any public road, street, alley or roadway.

This proposed site is visible from a small portion of the Old Divide Road looking directly into the coulee to the north. With this exception the site is well screened by natural terrain and vegetation from all other public roads in the area. The applicant proposes to either move the vehicles visible from the Old Divide Road further into the coulee where they will be naturally shielded or construct a fence across the open end of the coulee to provide adequate screening.

POTENTIAL IMPACTS ON HUMAN ENVIRONMENT

#10) Demands for government services

Governmental services will be required on the local and state levels for inspectional and administrative services associated with the issuance of a motor vehicle wrecking yard license to this facility.

#13) Locally adopted environmental plans and goals

The location of this proposed wrecking yard meets all existing local planning and zoning regulations as certified by the deputy county attorney.

#14) Transportation networks and traffic flows

A slight increase in traffic along Divide Road may occur as a result of the establishment of this yard. This increase is not expected to be significant.